

and facilitate gambling by extending and extending the chances under our company laws, and that a people like ourselves, whose chief industry is gambling, should condemn this Bill passes my understanding.

The only other thing I have to say is that the honourable gentleman from Winnipeg (Hon. Mr. McMeans) is quite unreasonable. He has said that a Bill that passes this House, a branch of Parliament, has no chance in the House of Commons, but is pushed aside. He must remember that this is a democratic country and that the voice of democracy is the voice of God. Perhaps that is the reason they do not listen to it.

Hon. Mr. McRAE: Honourable gentlemen, I move the adjournment of the debate.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: Before the debate is adjourned, perhaps the honourable member who introduced the Bill would give us figures showing how much money Ireland has been making out of this system. I am surprised at the last speaker (Hon. Mr. Lynch-Staunton). He comes from Ireland, and if he votes for this Bill he will not be welcomed back there.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Oh, oh.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: Perhaps the honourable gentleman who introduced the Bill would tell us how much money Ireland is getting out of the sweepstakes. Why, in my own house in Montreal tickets galore have been bought for the next sweepstake in Ireland.

Hon. Mr. BARNARD: I do not know that I can give my honourable friend all the information he wants.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: The motion to adjourn is not debatable.

Hon. Mr. BARNARD: The motion has not been put.

Hon. Mr. POPE: There is a motion to adjourn.

Hon. Mr. BARNARD: I can give my honourable friend a little of the information he asks for, but, as I say, I am not in a position to tell him all that he may want to know.

Hon. Mr. LYNCH-STANTON: Does the honourable gentleman know that there is a motion to adjourn?

Hon. Mr. BARNARD: I am trying to answer the question of my honourable friend opposite.

Hon. Mr. POPE: The honourable member is out of order.

Hon. Mr. BARNARD: I cannot tell my honourable friend the total amount of money that has been received in respect of these sweepstakes in Ireland, but I can give him some details from the report on the last one, the Manchester Handicap, which was run in November. The total prize money was £1,942,164, which was divided into nineteen prize units of £100,000 each and ten prizes of £4,216 8s. each. Of the total received—and all the money was not Irish money; much of it went from Canada, which is one of the points in favour of my Bill—

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: What was the amount of the balance left for Ireland?

Hon. Mr. BARNARD: I will send the information over to my honourable friend, if he wants it. Out of the total amount 20 per cent, I think, is allowed for expenses, and 30 per cent for hospitals. I say that subject to correction. The balance goes in prizes.

The debate was adjourned.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN INSURANCE COMPANIES STATUS AND POWERS BILL

SECOND READING

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN moved the second reading of Bill B 1, an Act respecting the Status and Powers of British and Foreign Insurance Companies in Canada.

He said: Honourable senators, possibly I owe a brief explanation to the House of the purpose of this measure, and of its companion measure, which was introduced to-day. There has been a series of deliverances of the Privy Council affecting the powers of the Dominion of Canada, and differentiating them from the powers of the provinces, in relation to the status, powers, control and regulation of insurance companies chartered by the Dominion. The decisions affect similarly the status, powers, control and regulation of British or foreign companies—known as aliens—doing business in Canada.

The most recent of those decisions is of very late date, and its effect is known, I am sure, to the lawyers of the House. That decision in an important respect was in favour of the provinces, and this Bill is designed to meet the situation as it has developed. It seeks—as I think it ought to seek—to maintain by virtue of the powers of this Parliament such measure of jurisdiction as is essential to protect the public, in their relations with insurance companies, against bankruptcy or insolvency on the part of the com-